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SUBJECT: 29 November 1954 Briefing of the Task Force
on Intelligence Activities

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- Q. Does your office [REDACTED] also receive communications intelligence traffic?
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- Q. How much material did you acquire as a result of the [REDACTED] Operation?
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- Q. What was your source in [REDACTED] for this material?
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- Q. How long would it take you to get this material together to answer such a request?
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- Q. Have you made [REDACTED] surveys for all the area divisions?
- Q. What is the average GS level of your people?
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- Q. Who has control of the printing facility [REDACTED]
- Q. How long have you used your Classification System?
- 25X1C Q. What are some of the advantages in acquiring all this information on [REDACTED]?
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